

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PERMANENT DISABLED CENTRE
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to open 107 Permanent Disability Centres (PDC) and other facilities in various States to suit the needs of about five crore disabled people in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Governments are also consulted; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the State Governments and the final decision taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) to (d) With a thrust towards providing decentralised rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities, more than 100 districts in the country have been selected for setting up of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) keeping in view their equitable geographical distribution. These Centres will provide rehabilitation services such as issue of disability certificates, fitment and follow up/repair of assistive devices, therapeutical services, promotion of barrier-free environment and referral services for training and vocational training. Monitoring and evaluation of a District Centre is entrusted to the District Management Team headed by the District Collector with the representatives of the concerned departments which will be responsible for convergence of various schemes/activities for development of persons with disabilities with the technical and financial support of National Institutes/Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India/District Rehabilitation Centres.